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MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **DECEMBER 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
Anne S. Hill
Carl Moore

Guest

Cassandra Youngblood

Staff

Twila Kerr
Lupe Duron

Excused Absence

John A. Hammargren

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2009 were approved as submitted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña shared with the Commission the following:

- The Board of Supervisors had a discussion item on their December 1, 2009 Agenda relative to a report by the CEO, Auditor-Controller, and DCFS regarding child fatalities during the past three years.
- Reported on news articles regarding the four police officers slain in a Seattle, Washington ambush; County to share reports of abuse with additional cities; and Alice McGrath, an activist who recently passed, who is acclaimed for her backing of young Mexican American youth accused of killing a young Mexican farm worker and their subsequent release from prison.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1, 651.93. The next bank statement will reflect the Christmas lunch and the Tierra Del Sol Scholarship Program donation.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORTS

There was none.

DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the selected menu from La Imperial Restaurant will cost \$343, and staff will reserve Lot 18 parking for him to deliver food. Chair Montaña will provide a cake for the occasion and the necessary tablecloths and silverware.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2009 TO DECEMBER 1, 2009

Heritage Group Home – 23, #3 – Chairperson Montaña No one was home on November 10; a follow-up visit occurred on November 24, and the facility was found to be in satisfactory condition.

South Bay Bright Future Center – 43, #3 – Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Hammagren The facility was visited on November 3, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The carpet on the stairs needs replacing, and the trap door needs to be replaced.

West Covina Branch – LA County Courthouse – Chairperson Montaña The courthouse was visited on November 25, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Fleming & Barnes Dimondale Adolescent – 20, #4 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on November 30, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

BayFront Youth and Family Services – 2, #3 – Chairperson Montaña The facility was visited on December 1, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Area of Concern:**

Have submitted a request to CCL to install metal detector due to incident where client brought three knives into the facility (Level 14).

Heritage Group Home – 24, #2 – Commissioner Bigby The facility was visited on November 17, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Bedroom #4 needs punctured wall repaired and new curtains. Bedroom #3 needs to get curtains or have blinds repaired.

Children Are Our Future – 8, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on November 20, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Needs a computer in the facility, a new oven door and cabinet doors repaired. Bedroom #2 and #3 need new doors, and all bedrooms need new dressers. A follow-up visit will be scheduled on December 21, 2009.

Rosemary Children's Services – 40, #3 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on November 23, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Dubnoff Center – 15, #4 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The facility was visited on November 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Bedroom # 1 needs floor, tile, caulking around bathtub and painting. Bedroom #2 needs two new dressers, and the kitchen needs a new floor and paint. A follow-up visit will be scheduled in 60 days.

Crescenta Valley Station – Commissioners Bigby and Hill The station was visited on November 25, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Mozell Pennington Boys Center – 31, #3 – Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Moore and Hall The facility was visited on November 24, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** Current menu was not posted, kitchen smoke detector needs battery, and Activity Log and House Rules not posted.

Inglewood Juvenile Center – Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Moore and Hall The station was visited on December 1, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** No evacuation plan present, suggested coordination with LASD regarding evacuation drill (last drill on 10/2009), and the purchase of hand-held video cameras.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda.)

Cassandra Youngblood, Ombudsman, Auditor-Controller's Office, reported that Mackrow Group Home in the Valley is under investigation by the Auditor-Controller for allegedly giving minors cigarettes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Montañó adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in honor of Sgt. Mark Renninger, and Officers Greg Richards, Tina Griswold, and Ronald Owens, and Alice McGrath.